

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Yuki KITA, et al.

Serial No.

Group Art Unit:

Confirmation No.

Filed: March 6, 2002

Examiner:

For: WIRE ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE MACHINE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND the pending claims and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

6. The wire electrical discharge machine according to claim 2, wherein said receiving means has a reticulated or porous structure such that machining liquid passes through said receiving means while said receiving means receives said machined chips.

7. The wire electrical discharge machine according to claim 2, wherein said lower receiving means is detachably mounted to said lower nozzle or said lower guide to which said lower nozzle is mounted.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally-filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND the following claims:

6. The wire electrical discharge machine according to [any one of claims 2 to 5] claim 2, wherein said receiving means has a reticulated or porous structure such that machining liquid passes through said receiving means while said receiving means receives said machined chips.
  
7. The wire electrical discharge machine according to [any one of claims 2 to 6] claim 2, wherein said lower receiving means is detachably mounted to said lower nozzle or said lower guide to which said lower nozzle is mounted.